

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed October 19, 2005, the Examiner noted that claims 1, 10, 11, 14 and 18-25 were pending, and rejected claims 1, 10, 11, 14 and 18-25. Claims 1, 10, 11 and 14 have been amended, claims 2-9, 12, 13 and 15-17 have been canceled and, thus, in view of the forgoing claims, 10, 11, 14 and 18-25 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected all claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by Enokido.

Enokido is directed to a general test specification generation system that takes into account design information assembled in the design process and located in a test configuration file or a standard test items file.. At col. 5, lines 40+ the types of tests and different objects of the tests are discussed. This discussion indicates that test frameworks are prepared for the phases of the test cycle user interface (GUI) is tested. A framework is not a test but merely lists "test requirements" (col. 5, line 56) of a test and constitutes a "framework of the specification for testing the subsystems" (col. 9, lines 51-52) of a test. Enokido does not discuss the testing of a program that "generates and controls a screen." That is, Enokido does not teach or suggest testing the specific type of program (a screen program) that is tested in the present invention. Testing a GUI is not the same as testing the program that produces and controls the GUI. For this reason withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

The present invention also presents to the tester on the screen being tested a menu that includes data that can be specified by the user to be used in the test and which is input into the screen being generated and controlled, to thereby test the screen program. That is, the GUI of the program being tested has added therein a menu of test data. In comparing this aspect of the present invention to Enokido, the Examiner points to col. 5, lines 47-67, col. 7, lines 20-66 and figures 5-9. The portion of Enokido noted by the Examiner discusses design information stored on a hard drive as information lists where these information lists are referred to when a test specification is being generated to ensure that the design information is accounted for in the test. This has nothing to do with the production of a menu of test data that appears on the GUI of the program being tested and from which test data can be selected by the operator and automatically entered in the data input fields of the screen (see the application discussion with respect to figure 10). Enokido does not teach or suggest such a test data (pattern) entry selection menu.

The menu of test data is generated by a unit (see figure 7) like the test target screen program unit and the test specification unit. Enokido does not teach or suggest such a test data generation unit.

It is submitted that the present claimed invention patentably distinguishes over Enokido and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

The dependent claims depend from the above-discussed independent claims and are patentable over the prior art for the reasons discussed above. The dependent claims also recite additional features not taught or suggested by the prior art. For example, claim 19 emphasizes that the test data executed by the test execution unit is deleted from the menu displayed on the screen. Since Enokido does not discuss the use of such a menu, there is no discussion of the deletion of data on the menu. The other dependent claims also emphasize distinctions over Enokido. It is submitted that the dependent claims are independently patentable over the prior art.

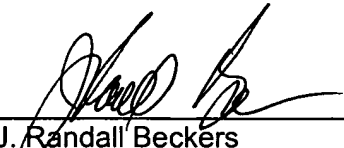
It is submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

If any further fees, other than and except for the issue fee, are necessary with respect to this paper, the U.S.P.T.O. is requested to obtain the same from deposit account number 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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